

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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NEGOTIATIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has urged Denmark to restart negotiations on climate change in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process in the run-up to the Conference of Parties (CoP)-16 to be held in Mexico in December; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Denmark thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The BASIC group of countries consisting of Brazil, South Africa, India and China met in Delhi on 24 January 2010. Following the discussions held in the meeting, Ministers called upon the Conference of Parties (COP) President, Denmark to convene meetings of the two Adhoc Working Groups (AWGs) of Long Term Cooperative Action (LCA) and Kyoto Protocol (KP) in March 2010 and to ensure that AWGs meet at least 5 times before the 16th Conference of Parties scheduled in Mexico.

(b) The Bureau of the COP under the Danish Presidency has decided to hold the next round of formal talks on Climate Change in Bonn from 9-11 April 2010. Both the Adhoc Working Groups will be meeting during this period. This will be in addition to the planned climate change meetings in June and December 2010 at Germany and Mexico respectively.